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1. The following military commands, units, and establishments are located on the island of Lastovo:

a. Command of the military base of Lastovo

This command, which had been located in the town of Sveti Petar until the end of 1950, was transferred in the first months of this year to a place called Zlopolje, which is situated one and one half kilometers southeast of St. Petar; recently a camp has been constructed there and almost all units from St. Petar have been transferred into its buildings. Major Pavle Cvijic is the commanding officer. He wears red insignia and probably belongs to the Marines. He is presently attending a course in Belgrade. The Political Commissar is a major, a Montenegrin, who wears a Navy uniform. The Chief of Staff is a captain and a Slovene. Lt. Anton Antica is in charge of supplies. There are many more officers and non-commissioned officers at headquarters in addition to those mentioned above, but their names are unknown.

b. Marine regiment

Marine Regimental Headquarters was also transferred at the beginning of the year from St. Petar to the camp at Zlopolje. Commanded by a Montenegrin Major, the regiment has about 1,000 men.

c. Headquarters of an unknown artillery unit

This headquarters is located in the camp at Zlopolje. An artillery major is commanding officer of the 400 men attached to the unit.

d. Yugoslav Army house

This home is located in St. Peter in a building situated on the main square, (on the left side if coming from the port). A large number of officers are seen there. Families of married officers stay at private houses in St. Peter. Over a year ago these houses had been emptied of their former inhabitants.

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e. Supply warehouse

The Italians had built a warehouse, with two storeys and basement, close to the church in the town of St. Petar. Supplies for the whole garrison are deposited in this warehouse which is managed by a captain.

f. Warehouse for clothing and footwear

Two buildings, whose construction was completed before the end of 1950, are located outside of St. Petar on the way to Lastovo. The dimensions of the first building are 24 x 9, and of the second 34 x 14 meters; both are one storey buildings. A small guard-house is located between the two buildings which are surrounded by barbed wire and watched by guards.

g. Ammunition depot

At the beginning of the sector known as "Vinopolje" where the warehouse for clothing and footwear is located, a road leads away to the right of the main St. Petar-Lastovo road for about 700 meters; a warehouse of reinforced concrete, 22 x 9 meters in dimension, is built there on the edge of a small pine grove. The warehouse is located close to the mountain wall and therefore is very difficult to see either from the sea or air. This warehouse was completed a short time ago.

h. Fuel depot

Some tunnels north from the center of St. Petar were constructed by the Italians. These tunnels, used to store fuel, have been considerably enlarged and repaired during 1950. The arrival of small Navy tankers which unload fuel for this depot is often noted.

i. Depot for artillery ammunition

A building constructed by the Italians is located about 50 meters outside St. Petar on the way to Lastovo. The building is camouflaged by paint of different colors. It is surrounded by barbed wire and permanently guarded. [REDACTED] arrival and the transportation of cases of artillery ammunition, either from ships or from other parts of the island.

j. Zlopolje camp

Zlopolje camp buildings are shown on the attached sketch (attachment A). The buildings were finished during 1950 and were constructed by the "Ivo Lucic-Lavcevic" Military Construction Enterprise. The following are located in this camp:

- 1) A one-storey building about 45 meters long, where Military Base Headquarters of Lastovo and of Marine Regiment Headquarters are located.
- 2) A one-storey building, about 45 meters long, in which the military hospital is located. Director of the hospital is Captain of Sanitary Services Dr. Pejovic. In addition to him there are a few more doctors and male nurses.
- 3) A one-storey building, about 35 meters long, where the non-commissioned officers mess-hall, club, and quarters are located.
- 4) A one-storey building, about 25-30 meters long, where the Headquarters staff of the Artillery unit is located.
- 5) A one-storey building, about 45 meters long, where personnel of the Marine regiment are quartered.

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- 6) Artillery brick garages, about 30 meters long. Artillery pieces and vehicles are placed there.
- 7) A smaller building in which an equipment depot, bath rooms, kitchen, and other rooms are located.
- 8) A large concrete tank for drinking water.
- 9) Garrison's husbandry and the main pig-sties.
- 10) Field for sports and exercises.
- 11) Three wooden barracks, on concrete foundations used for soldiers' quarters.

The number of men in Zloplje camp is about 1,500.

## 2. Fortifications on the Island of Lastovo<sup>1</sup>

### a. South-Western part of the Island

On this part of the island the fortifications have been and are being constructed on the Capes of Zaglav, Bajaki Rat, Zaplanika, and Velo More.

- 1) Cape Zaglav - There are a large number of bunkers for coastal artillery situated from 10 to 30 meters above the surface of the sea. All bunkers are armed and garrisoned. In addition to the bunkers, there are also small underground shelters for crews and for ammunition, and small tanks for drinking water.
- 2) Cape Bajaki Rat - A new road for trucks has been made along the coast from Cape Zaglav to Cape Bajaki Rat. It is constructed on counter-slopes so that it is almost impossible to see it from the sea. Between this new road and the sea a whole series of new machine gun bunkers has been erected as well as posts for anti-aircraft guns and machine guns. All are well camouflaged. At the extreme point of Cape Bajaki Rat 3 to 4 bunkers for coastal artillery are located. These bunkers are also armed and garrisoned.
- 3) Cape Zaplanika - Fortifications have been and are being made on the cape itself and in the surrounding area. No details are available about these works. In the gulf of Duboka, proceeding to Oblo Brdo, larger works are under way and mine explosions are constantly heard. Further details are not known, however, because the approach to the area is forbidden and the coastal guard is ordered to open fire at every ship and boat which comes closer than 500 meters.
- 4) Cape of Velo More - In the gulf of "Perna" where the extreme point of Velo More begins, four wooden barracks were built before the end of 1949. A special unit is stationed there, equipped with anti-landing equipment such as small guns on tines, mortars, light and heavy machine guns. Close to these barracks a building of prismatic shape has been erected, in which the staff of this unit is stationed. On "Kamenica" elevation, to which a new road for trucks was constructed in the beginning of 1950, a large reflector post is stationed, equipped with a German 150 centimeter reflector. Underground shelters for a generator and Diesel-motor are built close to it. On the very Cape of Velo More 6 to 7 bunkers without roofing were built in 1950. Forty to fifty meters distant from each other they are connected by underground trenches. The bunkers are situated about 25 meters above sea level and are armed and garrisoned. Approximately in the middle of the cape, construction of a large tunnel, the opening of which is in quadrangular form and of 6 x 6 meter dimensions, is under way.

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b. Southern part of the Island

The following coast-line forms the southern part of the island; Cape of Velo More, the gulf of Mrka, Porto Roso, Cape Struga.

- 1) The Mrka Gulf - The following military objects were erected about 200 meters in from the gulf coast in the first half of 1950:
  - a) A one-storey building about 30 meters long, covered with red tile, where a unit Headquarters is located.
  - b) A one-storey building, about 25 meters long, where a unit of unknown strength is located.
  - c) A one-storey building, about 25 meters long, about 100 meters distant from the previous building, toward Velo More, which serves for soldiers' quarters.
  - d) Between the two latter buildings a large tank for drinking water has been erected.
  - e) A new truck road leads to these buildings. It winds from St. Petar through Zlopolje to the Mrka Gulf, and further on, along the seacoast to Porto Roso.

2) The seacoast between Mrka Gulf and Porto Roso Gulf:

This whole area is being strongly fortified. The works now being constructed are of far larger dimensions than they were in 1950. In addition to the "Ivo Lucic-Lavcevic" Construction Enterprise, many laborers' battalions are engaged in executing the work. Any approach to this zone is severely prohibited and permanently watched by special KNOJ patrols, which guard the whole area day and night. Mine explosions are heard from the whole area, and the arrival of Navy units is often noted, bringing construction material.

- 3) Porto Roso Gulf - Two KNOJ platoons are stationed here, both belonging to the company at Lastovo. They are mainly used for patrol and guard duty on the works under construction in the southern and south-eastern parts of the island.
- 4) Cape Struga - The light-house, called "Struga", is situated on the cape itself. Its range is 18 miles. In addition to the light-house, many bunkers have been constructed on this cape, but do not appear to be garrisoned.

c. South-eastern and eastern part of the Island.

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[redacted] unable to give any details concerning this part of the island. [redacted] no works were under way here although there was a rumor that construction should be started soon. An old fortification, anti-aircraft artillery and machine-gun posts are in the Novi Hum sector on the extreme north-eastern part of the island. These posts and the fortification are not believed to be garrisoned, however.

d. North-western and northern part of the Island

The following have been or are being constructed on this part of the island:

- 1) In 1947-1948 bunkers were being built in the zone called "Zirine" north of St. Petar. They are armed and permanently garrisoned.
- 2) A new truck road leads from St. Petar along the western seacoast to the small island of St. Juraj. At a place called "Pasadur", where a bridge formerly was located, a new bridge has been erected and was completed in March of this year connecting Lastovo Island with the small island of St. Juraj. The bridge is made of wood and is 45 to 50 meters long. It is capable of handling heavy traffic.

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- 3) A new truck road has been built on the small island of St. Juraj which extends by bridge over the small gulf of St. Juraj to Cape Barbarossa.
- 4) A considerable number of bunkers for coastal artillery have been built on Cape Barbarossa, and four wooden barracks are located in a grove; gun crews are stationed in the barracks.
- 5) Sea mines have been placed all along the southern and western coast (sic) in order to stop landings.
- 6) The road, to St. Juraj Island leading from the bridge via "Pasadur" in a northerly direction, recently has been finished to Cape Prehodiste which is located on the northern coast of St. Juraj island. Four large bunkers have been built on the western side and two on the north-eastern side of Cape Prehodiste 20 meters above sea level. Underground warehouses and shelters have been constructed in addition to these bunkers which are garrisoned and very well camouflaged. Mines are placed along the coast of the Cape.
- 7) A new cable station has been constructed in "Krusica" valley, by which St. Juraj Island is connected with the cable station in "Brna" valley on Korcula Island. Some telephone cables extend from Nuclea station to parts of the island.

e. Central part of the island

The following works have been and are being constructed on this part of the island:

- 1) Hum - About 200 meters below the top, on which there is the small St. Juraj church, the construction of a new building was started at the beginning of February of this year. The building is 20 x 11 meters in dimension, divided into two quadrangular buildings 11 x 11 meters and 9 x 9 meters. It is one-storey only and roofed with red tile. Three office rooms and 2 rooms for quarters will be located in the smaller section. In the basement of the larger building a bunker is to be built while the building itself will serve for camouflage. Allegedly, this will serve as the reconnaissance station and central military observation post. The road leading to Hum is repaired but only for use with light horse-carts. Two large bunkers are in the area of this new building and the top of Hum itself. Built earlier, they have been repaired a little but have no roof, merely parapets. On the side of the bunkers is a 20 meter long underground shelter. None of these military objects is garrisoned.
- 2) Plesevo Brdo - In 1944 large fortification works were carried out in this area, at which time all male inhabitants 15 years of age and older had to work under the control of partisans. A great number of bunkers and underground shelters were built. During 1949 and 1950 the works were resumed in the whole sector, but there are no further details available. During the current year there has been a lot of activity especially at a place called "Guzicice". Mine explosions and drilling are constantly heard. 25X1X  
25X1X some hundreds of workers are participating in this work.
- 3) Staklano Brdo - On this hill, which is situated west of "Uska" Valley some larger construction works were begun early in the current year, and are being carried out by a military work force. Here also mine explosions and drilling are constantly heard.

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3. Observation stations on the Island of Lastovo

The following observation stations are situated on Lastovo Island:

- a. The observation station in the old fort, above the town of Lastovo, is furnished with radio-telegraphic equipment, heliograph, and reflector and is staffed by a staff sergeant with 10 sailors. A meteorological station is located nearby and is managed by two civilians.
- b. An observation station which was on Hum, until the current year when it was abolished.
- c. On Zirinje, there is an observation station equipped only with optical instruments. A special road, constructed for the purpose,, leads to this station via Vinopolje. Immediately below the observation station, fortifications for coastal artillery are situated.
- d. On "Sito" height, on the small island of St. Juraj which is connected to Lastovo by a bridge, there is a modern observation station equipped with radio-telegraphic equipment and with all optical instruments. On the side of the station it is possible to see an antenna, which has the form of a cross, from which many wires are hanging. The observation station is garrisoned by an officer and 25 sailors.

4. KNOJ on Lastovo Island

The Headquarters of the KNOJ Company is located in the former Carabinieri building in the town of Lastovo where the People's Militia Station and UDB are also located. Commanded by a Lieutenant, a native of Bosnia, the Company also includes some non-commissioned officers and about 30 KNOJ soldiers stationed at Headquarters. The company's task is the control of the port where all incoming and outgoing ships are checked and searched, including all fishing boats. In addition to port control, this company also patrols the whole island itself.

5. Flotilla of the Maritime KNOJ

The Maritime KNOJ Flotilla is located in the port of the town of Sveti Petar. The company is commanded by an Ensign of Slovenian origin and two maritime patrol leaders, one a staff sergeant and the other a sergeant. Approximately 20 sailors comprise the flotilla, which has at its disposition a patrol boat marked "MC" followed by an unknown number. The boat formerly belonged to the Financial Inspectorate and was called "Kraljevic Marko". The task of this flotilla is to patrol the whole area around the Island and the sea between the islands of Mljet and Korcula, as far as the Island of Susac. The patrol boat is almost always active.

6. UDB and People's Militia on Lastovo Islanda. UDB Unit

There is an UDB Unit (Ispostava) on the island with offices on the ground floor of the former Carabinieri building in the town of Lastovo. In charge of UDB is Stjepan Katic who has under his command agents located in various places on the Island. This Unit is under the jurisdiction of the UDB of Korcula, from where Second Lieutenant Sardelic often visits Lastovo and remains a few days each time.

b. People's Militia Station

The People's Militia Station is also located on the first floor of the former Carabinieri building. Commanding Officer of the station is Sergeant Donko Dragojevic who has two more non-commissioned officers and two militiamen under him. The station is part of the platoon of People's Militia on Korcula.

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7. The Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of Lastovo

Bartol Antica, Secretary and also President of the People's Committee;  
 Emil Jurica, member and also secretary of the People's Committee;  
 Ivan Jurica, member and brigade-leader of the fishing cooperative;  
 Stjepan Katic, member and UDB officer;  
 Zaharije Padovan, member and director of the port command office;  
 Anton Jurica, member and President of the agrarian cooperative;  
 Juro Jurica, member;  
 Magdalena Jurica, member and President of the AFZ (Anti-Fascist Women League);  
 Luka Lesic, member and President of the SRZ (fishing cooperative);  
 Tonko Lesic, member and Secretary of the SRZ;  
 Tonko Cengija, member;  
 Lovre Mihoc, member;  
 Frane Mihoc, member;  
 Gavro Kapiteli, member;  
 Martin Jancic, member;  
 Jozo Santic, member and brigade-leader of the SRZ;  
 Marija Sutic, member and Secretary of the AFZ.

8. Municipal People's Committee of Lastovo

The Municipal People's Committee of Lastovo is located in the town of Lastovo in the building where communal administration was located earlier. It is composed of:

Bartol Antica, of Nikola, President a fanatic Communist hated by the people.

Emil Jurica, Secretary, Party member and UDB collaborator.

Stjepan Katic, member and also UDB officer.

Ivan Jurica, member and brigade-leader of the SRZ.

Anton Jurica, member and President of the agricultural cooperative.

Luka Lesic, member and President of the SRZ.

Tonko Lesic (Dioklecijan) member and secretary of the SRZ.

Kuzman Katic, in charge of fishing, a member, non-Communist.

Jozo Santic, a member and a brigade-leader of the SRZ.

9. Communists from Lastovo who occupy various positions throughout Yugoslavia

Ivan Santic, Second Lieutenant; radio-telegraphist; in service at the seaplane base at Divulje.

Ivan Pavlicevic ("Ocun"), a Captain. He finished higher party school in Belgrade and is supposed to be a Cominformist.

Stjepan Divoje ("Ambroza"), a Navy Lieutenant; in service at Tivat.

Tonko Glumac, a Captain; now at the higher party school in Belgrade; he had served in an artillery regiment in Rijeka; supposed Cominformist.

Ivan Kucaric, Second Lieutenant; a fighter-pilot, serving in a fighter plane regiment at Zemun.

Lujo Ferlan, Second Lieutenant; serving at Navy Headquarters in Split.

Nino Fratela, an Ensign; serving in the Central UDB for Croatia at Zagreb.

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Benito Jurica, a UDB officer; serving in Rijeka.

Luka Jurica, a Lieutenant of UDB; his whereabouts not known; Cominformist.

Krsto Skratolja, Second Lieutenant; serving with the Central UDB in Belgrade.

Nino Perucic, UDB officer, now in service on Lastovo; his whole family is in Bari (Italy).

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large works are being constructed in the area along the coastline from Cape Soganj to Porto Rose. In 1950 twenty bunkers were built there, 150 meters from the sea, with the bunker roof of concrete about 1 meter thick, and with the walls about 60 centimeters thick. A bunker is about 2 meters across, and 2.30 meters high. The outer dimensions of the bunkers are: width 3.20 with 2.30 above the surface, and 1 meter below the surface. At about 70 to 80 centimeters above the surface there are 2 to 3 gun slits with outer dimensions of 60 x 30 centimeters and with inner dimensions of 50 x 20 centimeters. Ten to fifteen meters above these bunkers, artillery posts are being built. They are not roofed but have a parapet 1.20 meters high and 50 centimeters large. Some tunnels, with exit near the church at St. Petar, are in the process of construction. These tunnels are about 3 kilometers long, 4 to 5 meters large and 4 to 5 meters high. Between every 40 to 45 meters openings are being constructed on the western side of the tunnels, with 2x0.70 meter dimensions. Before these openings is a round parapet of concrete, about 3 meters large, and 30 to 40 centimeters thick.

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1. Comment: A sketch of the Island of Lastovo (Lagosta) is available in the CIA Library.

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concerning construction and military activity on Lastovo.

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